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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant has received the 18 September 2008 Office Communication, has carefully noted the contents and provides the following Amendments and Remarks in response. Additionally, Applicant submits, with this Response, an Information Disclosure Statement.

The shortened statutory period for response to the 18 September 2008 Office Communication was 18 December 2008. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully and concurrently requests a Three (3) Month Extension Of Time be granted to file this Response at this time. The associated Extension Of Time Fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 501873.